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Assistant Director for Current Intelligence

12 May 1953

Assistant Director for Research and Reports

DD/I Overseas Support Activities for Senior Representative, dated 2 May 1953

1. After initial brief discussions with a representative of your Office and subsequent receipt of the reference memorandum, I have reviewed in detail not only the proposal contained therein but also the status of ORR personnel assigned to Senior Representatives abroad and ORR's experience in obtaining administrative support and in providing substantive guidance to these officers.

2. We feel that ORR's current activities abroad are, in large part, quite distinct and can most effectively be handled separately from the general intelligence support and briefing missions of the "Intelligence Staffs" as originally conceived. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] The leaders of the two groups report directly to the Senior Representatives.

3. The administrative support provided by offices within the DD/P area, acting as executive agents, has been satisfactory and adequate from ORR's point of view. With the assistance of the office of the DD/I, agreements have been reached with these executive agents which permit direct communication between the AD/RR and the Senior Representatives abroad on subjects of a substantive nature that do not relate to covert or administrative matters. I do not foresee any confusion arising from continuance of present procedures for administering and directing the ORR groups abroad.

4. In short, ORR representation abroad is operating on a satisfactory and well-established basis at present. Until a plan is formulated that provides operational benefits superior to present procedures or the DD/I indicates specifically his desire to delegate centralized executive agent responsibilities of the scope suggested, this Office cannot concur in a proposal such as is outlined in the reference memorandum.

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5. If there are long-range plans for building up DD/I representation abroad for providing new or expanded support to the Senior Representatives, OER stands ready to participate in providing economic intelligence support here and abroad, in terms of personnel and guidance, to "Intelligence Staffs" that may be established in the future, as it already has done in respect to the

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